

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 156

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Elaine Johnson Wilson upon  
being named the 2007 Sevier County High  
School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to  
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the  
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Elaine Johnson Wilson is one such estimable educator who has  
distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson has recently been selected as High School Teacher of the Year  
for Sevier County, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes  
the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson received her Bachelor of Arts from Carson-Newman College,  
her Master of Arts in Education from Tusculum College, and her Degree of Educational  
Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction from Lincoln Memorial University; she has also done  
post-graduate study at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Wilson teaches Anatomy and Physiology, as well as Honors Biology,  
for the eleventh and twelfth grades at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School in Sevier County; she has  
taught for a total of fourteen exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, an able leader and a consummate professional, Ms. Wilson has received  
numerous professional and community awards, attesting to her effectiveness as a valued  
teacher and citizen of Sevier County and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson is grateful for the love and support she has received from her  
three children, Jenny, Jamie Anne, and Lee Aaron; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson credits Mr. Hulet Chaney, who taught her in seventh, eighth, and ninth grades and was her basketball coach, as well as Mrs. Julia Householder, who was her homeroom teacher at Sevier County High School, with inspiring her to become a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Johnson Wilson serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Elaine Johnson Wilson upon being chosen the 2007 Sevier County High School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.